

Poor May 29th 1842

Dear Brother, I now take it upon me to write a few lines in consequence of sickness & other cares & difficulties I have for a long time neglected to write I hope these few lines may find you and family well my family are tolerably well mother arrived at my house last November from Wyandott Michigan the place where Anson lives Anson wants to come to Iowa but is too poor to get there

I wrote a letter about the 1st of March to send to you but heard you was to start in April to come to newarr & did not send it

I am exceedingly thankful for the Book of Mormon you sent to me the greatest present I have had since I have lived in newarr the star nine numbers of 1st Volume & several of second I am also under obligations to you for my wife is very thankful for the dress you sent her & sends her best respects to you & your wife my wife came from the state of main when six years old & since that from Genessee County State of N York.

I moved from Fulton County the middle of August 1840 I and my wife were taken sick in Sept same year I was sick till the next ^{my wife} spring died in about two weeks with fever & family way. I expended my household furniture & cow to pay my expenses & clothe myself thinking I should soon get well & come to england according to your request I intended to start about 1st of December 1840 but my sickness as I before observed lasted till spring I had to seek a home & picked up a new family

I hope you are doing well in the temporal line if I aint your fate has been so hard in missouri and elsewhere that I rejoice to hear of your Prosperity. Mother wishes if your circumstances will admit for you to send her a shawl as she has none has no way to get any she lives with me & shares with me in my poor living. considerable part of the time indian corn is the best we can get for bread

Respecting the money you sent to ~~me~~ me to buy Cows
with I shall Pay back to you when you come to Navro as Probably
Brother onsons Letter will Teach you the fallacy of trying to
Keep Cattle in a Place where a handsman is to be employed
to drive them 6 or 7 miles to grass besides this wintering Cattle
with corn will be \$10 Per head Consider the vast Populati-
on in this & how different it is from what it was when you left
this Place. you will want one good cow when you come here
I have two good cows one english milk tree and one three year old heifer
which gives the richest milk you ever see in your life she is a yellow
skinned yellow horn, & her skin is full of yellow milk.
I intend to let you have one of mine when you come.
& the balance in money when you arrive at this Place you
may depend on without fail

money is very hard & times Dull Provisions Low Pork
was brought in to this Place last fall & sold at
~~three~~ \$1.50 Per hundred Beans from 5:5 Bils To Bushel
Corn is worth from 20 to 24-Cents Per bushel Flour from
\$4 to \$5 dollars Per Barrel Bacon of the choicest kind
from 5 to 6 cents Per lb & every thing else but merchants
goods in Proportion

Eggs are worth 6 1/4 Cents Doz butter 8 cents to 10th
I have but little to write & so I bid you farewell
& Remain your Brother in the flesh as well as in the
Bonds of the everlasting covenant

William D. Pratt.

to Parley P. Pratt.

Mr Parley P. Pratt.

Liverpool

England

Nauvoo June the 17th 1842

Dear Brother Parly Pratt after my best respects to
you by Request of Brother William Parr we
write you a few lines to let you see his situation
at this time we was in New Orleans last March
on Business for the Church when we met with
Brother Parr who informed us of his situation we request
him to go to Nauvoo which he did he is now in the
City in good health and at work in a brick yard
and will do well provided his family was here

Brother Parr is a good faithful Brother & worthy
of the Confidence of the Church at home and a broad
soul of God and any of the Brethren can ~~help~~ ^{help} his
family to means to pay their passage to Nauvoo
we will gladly honor selves that Brother Parr will
pay the same as soon as he can earn it }

Therefore hoping the Lord in England will assist
his family in coming Nauvoo ^{peace} we ^{the} subject
by subscribing have shown you Brothers and friends
in the West and our loving Greetings

Yours Right

J. W. Adams

Mr. Parly P. Pratt
Sussex
Sussex
England

By William
Black

Nauvoo, W. June 16. 1842

Dear brother in the Lord:—

It has been so long, and so many scenes have transpired since I last saw you that I thought I would not let this opportunity pass without writing. By the stars I see what progress you make in this last Kingdom of our Lord and Savior. I am now on the largest amount of business that I have ever undertaken, since I have been in the Church. It is to write and compile the History of Br. Joseph, embracing the entire history of the Church. It will occupy ^{my} ~~several~~ ^{many} ~~and~~ talents for a long time, should ^{not} ~~enter~~ ^{enter} ~~into~~ ^{into} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~work~~ ^{work} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Church~~ ^{Church}.

Nauvoo, gains very fast. And the prophet gains; he seems to be strengthened according to what is necessary to accomplish the great work of the last days.

It is in general, he attests with us, and although the saints arrive daily by water and by land, provisions are plenty and cheap. The Temple columns are now being raised, or at least the plinths or bases of them have been hoisted

upon the wall. and they appear quite
sublime. The season has been some-
what cool though crops look promising.
When you come here, if you could bring
me an old Bible, translated and printed
before King James' you would confer on
your old friend, a great favor.

We think a great deal of the return
of Bro O. Hyde: He has greatly honored
his calling; and showed himself an
ardent and manly soldier of his
Heavenly Master: I can never think
of him, without bringing to mind
the snail on eat.

Bros Fielding & Clark will give
more particulars than I can write.
Give my respects to all saints.

Ed. P. Pratt.

As ever

W. W. Phelps

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P.S. Enclose you a couple of the latest
specimens of my mouse, published in
our city.

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Elder Parley P Pratt.

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Nauroo. June the 17 1842

Dear Brother and sister ^{Pratt} sister Olive
not forgotten by me. no I remember old
friends. all though I have not written
to you some time, it has been on the
account of much business. I am well
my family are tolerable fare. it is a time
of health in the City of Nauroo. the Emigra-
tion is great here. there are coming in here
from most every State in the Union
this place has grove half. since I got home
the Temple ~~is~~ is getting on well. all seem to
be interested in the concern. there is a
great many Brick buildings going
up this season. there is 7 or 8 Brick
yards in this place. some have burnt
three kilns this season. and men stand
ready to take every brick as soon as they
are cool. ~~Brother~~ Joseph feels as
well as I. Even see him. one reason is
he has got a small company. that he feels
safe in there hands. and that is not all he
can open his bosom to and feel him self safe

I wish you was here so as to feel and hear for
your self. we have recieved some precious
things through the Prophet on the breast
board that would cause your Saul to rejoice
I can not give them to you on paper for they
are not to be witen. so you must come and get
them for your self. - We have organised
a Lodge here. of Masons. since we obtained a
Charter. that was in March since that there has
near two hundred. been made masons
Br Joseph and Sidney was the first that was
Recieved in to the Lodge. all of the twelve have
become members Except Orson P. he hangs
back. he will wake up soon. there is a similar
ity. of breast board in masonry. Br Joseph
bes masonry was taken from breast board
but has become degenerated. but many things
are perfect. we have a procession on the 24
of June. which is called by Masons St Johns
day in this country. ~~I think~~ I think it
will result in good. the Lord is with
us and we are prospered. Considering all
things. Money is scarce. but provisions ^{plenty}
and cheap. the saints that come from England -

have all got in to business, and the greater
part of them have got places. those that have
means to by with. by lots. those that have
not. go and take up lots on a disputed
tract of land that lays in the limets of
the city it cost nothing. for them. probably
they will not be troubled for several years
they go on to the Island. where they get thare
timber to build with and burn. this land
lays on the bank of the River. and stone
plenty by picking up. so what more can
they ask. but at the same time there is ^{mening}
that finds fault and are ready to denigh
the Lord and turn traitors to thare Brethren.
Some have found fault. becaus we had no
houses for them to go in when they gather
Some becaus we did not make more of them
and invite them home. and provide for them
we would be glad if they could know we
have as much as ^{we} can do to live our selves
we are thonged off the day Long. we would Estam
it a pleasure to retire from the sear. and rest
our weary souls for a time but this will not
do. we must fite. Dear Bro I can tell you our
battle will be chont. and others will have to front the
battle

my dear wife send much love to you and
wife, you have my best wishes. you have
my friends. there is much excitement in this
county on the account of our Election. we have
nominated our own officers, and no doubt
we shall elect them this makes the devil made
and I am glad so amen I am as ever
Heben. C. Kimball

Mr. Daryl Kimball
Manchester
On Liverpool

Dear Brother
I have just received your letter of the 11th inst.

Dear Brother

As I have an opportunity of looking at letters by the express & I shall be very happy to say a few words to you by letter. But what I shall I tell about is only to tell it interesting to you. as to news I have not much except Nauvoo we have peace & quietness here L. W. Bogg has been shot in his own house but was alive the last accounts. Many of the papers thought the U.S. would to exchange with the Mormon papers our exchange list has increased to 100 weekly & many others want to exchange & most all have something to say about the Saints. Mobs are frequent through many parts of America, Texas has proclaimed war against Mexico. It is a healthy time in Nauvoo. The Temple & Nauvoo Home is progressing as fast as circumstances will permit but that is rather slow, Emigration is like bees swarming. Now I know from all parts our congregations are exceedingly large. Many are baptized in the font for the dead we are all generally in good health & spirits & our families. As to deaths there has been but few of late among us. ^{this} Herman & Hilda died a few days since, The Legion number

about 2000, the female Relief Society No: 3 about 500
the Nauvoo Masonic Lodge, about 300, all very active
in their sphere, I think you would hardly know
Nauvoo was you to come into it the prairies are
ploughed & fenced & planked for miles around Nauvoo
there is considerable excitement through the State
about our voting in the coming election President
Bigelow runs for our Senator it is not yet decided
who will run for our representatives, Werners
is making quite a noise through the world where
it is known it does our souls good to hear
of its continued progress in England my prayer
is that the Lord will make you mighty & stand by you
in every time of need, Elder John E. Page is in
Pittsburgh, Wm Smith gone East all the rest of the
Quorum is in Nauvoo, that one in this country Stearns
with pot works, & other manufactures are going up,
in this city give my respects to Sister Pratt & Child,
& all who are in your, I have forwarded you the
1st Season to Manchester but lest you should
not get them I send them again by Elder Fiebeling
also the wraps & shall forward them hereafter to
your address in Liverpool We receive your file
of Stars which are interesting to us I forwarded
the Stars to the man in Warsaw that told the lie
to Elder L. Wright has gone out on a Mission give him
a chance & he will use that sword (your words)
with honor to himself & the sword to

The Sanits above manifest much interest
in the book of Abraham in the S & Seasons
it will be continued as fast as Joseph gets time
to translate please write me to send her respects
to brother & sister Matt we have a fine healthy girl
3 months old Our little boy came near killing
himself drinking strong life but has got well again
Steam Boat & rail road accidents are as frequent
as ever fires &c. I have your letter read &
sent Joseph it was a good one I don't know
whether it was answered or not, I have never seen
Joseph as full of business as of late he hardly gets
time to sign his name Lyman Johnson has
just came into the Office is well in health
Sisters O Matt J Taylor & W Woodruff have
been blessed with a present of a fine girl each
since we came home & I expect the rest will soon
When can I see Br Parley in Nauvoo I have
soon so that he can get prepared to take that sea
voyage with me to Gibraltar so that I can get
that Sovereign for I have brought that hammer
safe to Nauvoo & drive all my nails with it
I thought about the Hammer while I was wrecked on
Lake Michigan last fall with my family & 300 persons
on board the Osage nearly all expecting to find a
watery grave for nearly 24 hours but we came out
straight Hammer & all no limbs lost except a few
jacks asses pigs geese &c Write me a letter brother
Parley the first opportunity upon line of communicating as much
matter of interest as I have put in this sheet & you will
much Oblige
W. Woodruff

by J. Fielding

Mr. J. P. Pratt

Liverpool

England

Weymouth den 22^{den} Jan 1841

Mr. Pratt,

I do not but, enjoy my gratitude to you for giving me notice of the Union arrival, and for the favourable news from my family. I feel thankful to the Lord that they are alive and well, and am glad that Mr. Sweden, has come to England again, as he is an old friend of us both. I shall be particularly pleased to see you both together.

Mr. Sweden says, "come ahead!" I can see in my imagination every muscle and feature of brother Sweden's countenance as he said those words. My respects and good wishes to him, and to Mr. Sweden yourself and family.

I think that I shall be able to come to London by the 1st of Sept. My book is nearly all ready for the press and I have made partial arrangements for its being printed, but as there are some things that indirectly lay the axe at the root of papacy, I know not, but the police will take it away from me before I can get it out of the press. But if the Lord prosper, they shall soon have the trial. I have a printer engaged to undertake it. But, at best, I think it will be a ^{long} journey, with a long and

Dear Bro. Pratt, let ^{me} suggest to you some
things concerning the propriety of my going on board the
ship you mention by way of New Orleans.

I shall have been absent from my family
nearly three years. Their clothes ^{with} three beds, their articles
to keep house ^{will} be worn out. They have no cash
I suppose, and no fire, no nothing. I shall have just
about money enough to go to Hauroo, and nothing over
perhaps so that I shall arrive at home after this long
absence without a dollar to ^{replace} the hearts of my
family. Now as I have been to Jerusalem and may
see that a ^{company} excite the people to come together to
hear me preach, would it not be better for me
to go to New York and preach my way home
and do all the good I can, and for my fam-
ily's sake get all the good I can. I need
not say more upon this ^{of} matter, for you will
readily understand it.

Let, I will be subject to counsel, but
if you counsel me to go by New Orleans with
a company of saints, I hope you will counsel
them ^{to} something for ^{my} family.

From New Green Mark to Hauroo is the
only ground ^{from} which I have calculated to reap a little
harvest, and if I pass by that, I must go into past, nearly
uninhabited places.

Will you write me an receipt of this and let
me know what you think still further about
the matter. What I will do
I think after the Lord being
my companion, I am
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from I am Gang
Families.

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Care from my
them to Rego

You see
about me, I do
or what I am doing. The Lord certainly knows,
and I expect the Devil does also. If he does not,
he will soon find out, and hope to make the Lord
my trust. ~~That~~ It is no use to avoid trials here, we
have got to suffer just about so much before
we can reign with Christ, and the sooner they come, the
sooner they will be over. The Lord give strength according
to our day, and let the battle move, is my prayer.

3rd. They have not even yet
 received the money from the
 change in the party matter. By the way the
 above are the names of the persons who
 have not the money from the party matter.
 and the money from the party matter.
 to be sent to you in the future.
 They have not yet received the money from the party matter.
 and the money from the party matter.
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Regensburg August 10th 1842.

Dear Father,

I now sit down to tell you that I have completed
the book in the German language, and have laid the manuscript
before the King's officers to get permission to publish and circulate
it, here. They have examined it and have told me that they have
read it with interest and attention; and that they find its contents
will make so much disquiet among the people, that to preserve
the peace and tranquillity of his Majesty's subject, they were sorry
to tell me, that they could not give permission to publish it
here. And further, that if I did publish it, the whole Edition
would be confiscated and I be liable to a fine and imprisonment.
I ^{then} went to a printer to get him to publish it for me; but he said
that he would not do it unless the government gave ~~him~~ permission.

But I have found another printer who has undertaken the job, and
the book is partly in print. It is to be done next week. But I
made this bargain with him, that if the book were seized by the police
while it was in his hands, he should lose it; but if he completed
it, and delivered it safely into my hands, then if it were seized, I
would lose it.

I have been twice before the government concerning the matter,
and to day they have sent for me to come again. A friend
of mine told me this morning, that he thought they would
give me a limited permission. At any rate, they have read, in their
own language, what the Lord has said concerning those who reject his
servant. It is my intention as soon as the book is out of press
to go with it direct to Frankfurt, which is a free state, and directly
on the road to London. Write me I pray you, immediately, and
direct to Frankfurt on the Main, and I will call at the office and
get it when I arrive there. I intend to make a little stop in that
town, but if the Lord will, I shall be at London by the 15th Sept or before.

I read distressing accounts from England, just what we have
told you, and might for the last 4 or 5 years; and yet they
do not seem to care. I deplore this condition. I pity the saints; and
means to get away with, let them not care for me. I'll
thought the condition of the people so bad in England.
Gossip, wars and rumors of wars ^{also} characterize these days.

